

# Sycamore Shoals

## Sustainability Features

### Waste Reduction

The Park staff is recycling aluminum at the park office while the office staff is recycling paper as well.

### Biological

The Park is a bird watching hot spot in East Tennessee. The trail that follows along the Watauga River is home to numerous wintering birds and in the summer, nesting neo-tropical migrants.

### Historical/Community Significance

Sycamore Shoals was part of the earliest settlement outside the 13 original English colonies. It was here that the Watauga Association, the first majority-rule system of American democratic government was formed in 1772, when settlers elected five of their number to "govern and direct for the common good of all the people." Other nationally significant events for this site include The Transylvania Purchase in 1775 and the Muster of the Overmountain Men during the American Revolution.

## Moving Forward

### Energy Conservation

The Park is hoping to expand their recycling program to offer more opportunities for the public to recycle. Continuing to use updated high efficiency lighting is another way that this park can save on electricity costs.

## Park Highlights



- Located in Carter County
- Visited by over 300,000 people in 2011
- 1.5 mile of hiking trail
- Museum and ampitheater that bolsters the historical education

